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Dear Physical Education Curriculum Coordinator,

You may have already heard about the exciting new physical education program, “The National Archery in the Schools Program.” The program was originally written by the Kentucky Department of Education Curriculum Specialist in 2002. News of this outstanding program spread quickly and has been adopted by over 38 states, Arizona being the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I’d like to encourage you to please take the time to investigate how this innovative program has the potential to impact your students on multiple levels.

The unit, entitled “Archery: On Target for Life”, contains Academic Expectations and Core Content for Assessment required by state regulations to be taught in Physical Education. Further, it also holds interesting and creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history, and English/language arts.

Potential aside, it is the results from the Archery in the Schools Program that has excited educators and administrators across the Nation. Participating students have exhibited marked improvements in self-esteem, confidence, self-discipline, structured programs, and self-worth, all qualities that lead to an all-around better student and an enriched student body. We also have extensive documentation on improvements in critical attendance, behavior, and on-task behavior categories because of student participation.

The Arizona Archery in the Schools Program is a two-week course of Junior Olympic Archery Development-style target archery instruction that addresses safety strategies, concentration, skills, and techniques necessary to enjoy and participate in archery as a “Lifetime Sport.” The safety procedures and instructional guidelines have been adopted from the National Archery Association (NAA) and National Field Archery Association (NFAA). Schools interested in participating must send a minimum of 2 teachers to an eight hour Basic Archery Instructor training program to become certified as an instructor for that facility. The training cost is covered by Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The state of the art equipment will be sent to the school after the training and the Arizona Archery Education Equipment agreement form is completed. The archery equipment kits are to be used in the school program under the supervision of a Basic Archery Instructor. These kits are provided at no cost by Arizona Game and Fish Department. The kits will include 10 Genesis bows, 5 targets, 1 backstop netting, and 5 dozen arrows. The value of this equipment is over \$2400.

The majority of schools in the country which have implemented the inaugural two-week course have now expanded archery into after-school programs like ESS, 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Family Resources Services Center, as well as school archery clubs and organized competitions.

As the administrator in charge of coordinating the Arizona Archery in the Schools Program, I have witnessed many success stories that this program has brought to the faculty and young people across the county. Prominent among these words from principals and instructors that students who do not normally participate and enjoy sports-related or extra-curricular activities seem to excel in this program, something that invariably carries over into their attitude, work habits, and other school activities.

I would like to take the opportunity to share this innovative and first-of-its kind curriculum with you at your convenience. Please call me at 602-789-3567 or email me at [draum@azgfd.gov](mailto:draum@azgfd.gov) so that I may explain the enormous potential the Arizona Archery in the Schools Program holds for your school/schools and its students.

Sincerely,

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